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In re Application of

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEW

PRODUCT CLEARANCE AND

DEVELOPMENT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a three-month extension of time. Therefore, this paper is being submitted on or before its current date of August 25, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25 of this paper.

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